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PLAY ball

Six college baseball teams, including the Midshipmen of the U.S. Naval Academy, participated in last weekend's 2006 Service Academy Spring Classic held at USA Baseball Stadium in Millington. See Page 3 for more photos. (Photo by David Crenshaw)

Vice Admiral Robert T. Conway Jr. assumes command of Navy Installations Command

WASHINGTON — Vice Adm. Robert Conway has assumed command of the Navy Installations Command (CNI). CNI is headquartered in Washington and is the office solely responsible for all Navy shore installations worldwide.

CNI is responsible for providing consistent, effective and efficient shore installation services in support of fleet readiness and mission execution. Furthermore, CNI provides service to the fleet by ensuring a cohesive and reliable adherence to policy, procedures, standards of service, processes and resources leveraging 16 regional commands in management and oversight of all installations worldwide.

Conway, a native of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., graduated from St. Francis College in Loretto, Pa., with a Bachelor of Arts degree and was commissioned as an ensign through officer candidate school. He earned his master's degree in education from Providence College in Providence, R.I., in May 1979. Additionally, he graduated from the National Defense University's Industrial College of the Armed Forces in May 1990. Throughout his naval career, Conway served in numerous leadership positions in ships and at installations, including commander of Navy Region Hawaii; commander of Expeditionary Strike Group One (in support of operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom); and most recently, commander of Task Force Warrior.

WASHINGTON — The Navy has terminated a board of officers that was reviewing the careers of more than 3,600 lieutenant commanders and has launched an investigation of how board members received "unapproved materials" about at least one candidate up for promotion.

The board's 69 members were sent back to their commands last week, according to the Navy Personnel Command, and the officer who furnished the materials to the board has been relieved of duty pending the results on an inquiry.

The Navy convenes promotion boards each winter and spring for officers and senior enlisted members. Board members travel to the Navy Personnel



Rear Adm. David Gove, commander of the Navy Personnel Command, is currently conducting an investigation into potential misconduct during the FY 2007 line commander selection board, which was disbanded Feb. 21 by Vice Adm. John Harvey Jr., chief of Navy Personnel. (Official U.S. Navy photo)

Command headquarters in Millington and spend several days evaluating the records of those eligible to advance. There are separate boards for each rank and various officer communities. The boards meet in private and members are

sworn not to discuss their deliberations with outsiders.

The boards are required to consider only materials in each candidate's official record, along with references and recommendations forwarded by the candidate. "Anything submitted to the board about an eligible (candidate) must have been seen by that eligible," said Mike McLellan, a spokesman for the Navy Personnel Command. And all that material must go through the board president; lobbying of individual board members is banned.

The dissolved board was to select about 700 lieutenant commanders for promotion to commander. Cmdr. Randy Lescault, another NPC spokesman, said a new panel would be named shortly. Because the boards meet well in advance of the beginning of the new fiscal year in October, when promotions begin to take effect, there should be no delay in advancements, McLellan said.



Well Done - NEX General Manager Greg Wright receives a certificate from NSA Mid-South executive officer Cmdr. Rusty Chang, naming him a "Patriot" for his support of a NEX employee called up to active duty with the Navy Reserves. (Photo by Art Frith)

NEX Employees Recognized for service, longevity

By JOYCE GUY
NEX MARKETING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Navy Exchange conducted their quarterly awards presentation last Thursday to recognize associates for their outstanding performance.

NSA Mid-South executive officer, Cmdr. Rusty Chang, helped present the awards, which included Supervisor, Cashier, Associate and Retail Department of the Quarter. Chang also presented several associates with service awards, ranging in length from five to 30-years, honoring their dedicated service to NEX customers.

Eric Gandy, department manager and Greg Wright, general manager were named "Patriots" by the Department of Defense for their support of John Gunterman, one of their own associates and a Navy Reservist called up to active duty.

MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

By ART FRITH
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This month marks the 19th annual observance of Women's History Month.

President Jimmy Carter started the observance in 1980 when he issued the first Presidential proclamation calling on all Americans to remember the contributions by women to our country. Seven years later, the U.S. Congress expanded the designated observance period to a month at the request of the National Women's History Project. Around the fleet, the Navy, too, is recognizing the many contributions made by female sailors throughout its history. Since 1987, Congress has issued a resolution and the president has issued an

annual proclamation, for Women's History Month.

The Navy, too, takes time out during Women's History Month to recognize the contribution female sailors have made to our country. Women began serving in the Navy in 1908 as nurses. In 1942, the Women's Reserve of the Navy Reserve was created. These women were known as WAVES, Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service. Following World War II, Congress passed legislation in 1948 to allow women to remain in the military under "permanent standing" paving the way for women to enlist and be appointed to the regular Navy and Navy Reserve. Their full integration into the Navy came about with the first woman being promoted to the rank of rear admiral in 1972.

The Naval Academy first accepted women as midshipmen in 1976, when Congress authorized the admission of women to all of the service academies. Women comprise about 13 to 14 percent of entering plebes—or freshmen—and they pursue the same academic and professional training, as do their male classmates.

Women were not assigned to ships, with the exception of nurses assigned to hospital ships. That all changed in Oct. 1978 when the Navy made headlines with the announcement that it would begin assigning women to ships. The first U.S. Navy ship on which women were deployed was the destroyer tender USS Vulcan (AR-5) home ported in Norfolk, VA. The first



Reach for the Stars - In 1996, Vice Adm. Patricia Tracey became the first woman in the U.S. Navy to attain the three-star rank. (Official U.S. Navy photo.)

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NEWS BRIEFS

We're Back! - The Bluejacket is once again available on-line @ <http://www.nsamidsouth.navy.mil>.

Tickets are on sale now for this year's Seabee Ball. The 64th Seabee and 139th Civil Engineer Corps Birthday Dinner and Ball will be held Friday, 10 March at 7pm. Contact Lt. Hrdlicka at 901-874-4033 for tickets and further details.

A luncheon in honor of Women's History Month will be held at the Helmsman Complex Ballroom on Fri., Mar 24 from 1130

a.m.-1 p.m. Ticket prices are \$8 in advance, \$9 at the door. For more information and to purchase tickets, call the Base Chapel Center @ 874-5341.

A two-part, eight-hour Safe Driving Course for Seniors, sponsored by AARP, will be held this month. The first four-hour session will be held at St. Ann's Episcopal Church at 4063 Sykes Road (9 a.m.-1 p.m.) on Mar. 18 and 25. The second session will be on April 27 and 28 at Baker's Community Center, 7942 Church St. (9 a.m.-1 p.m.). Call Robert Bennington at 872-7691 for more information.

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COMMENTARY

Driving and Insurance - The Two Go Hand in Hand

Do you drive? If you do, you need insurance. Even if you think you're a safe and responsible driver, accidents happen. What's more, if you need a DoD sticker on your car, you must prove you have the state's minimum liability insurance levels to obtain the stickers. There are no exceptions!

Depending on your age and your driving record, automobile insurance can be quite expensive. Nonetheless, you must have insurance. I used to think there was no gray area here. That was, until recently.

I've heard too many cases of uninsured sailors turning to the Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society for financial assistance either to pay a fine for lapsed insurance or to help cover the costs of an accident when they had no insurance. This has to stop. While every state varies, Virginia (as an example) requires insurance carriers to notify the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) when a person alters their insurance. If you let your insurance lapse, DMV is



BY FETCM(AW/SW)
JON R. THOMPSON

notified and if your vehicle is still registered, you incur a \$500 fine for having an uninsured, registered vehicle (whether you are driving the vehicle or not). Remember, it's the registration of the vehicle that is tied to your insurance, not the miles you drive. In addition, if you fail to maintain insurance, in addition to the fine, you could be required to then purchase SR-22 insurance (which is essentially high-risk insurance) for a period of three years. The cost of SR-

22 insurance is much higher than normal insurance.

Here's what I suspect is happening. Some of you purchase vehicles that are not only expensive, but are expensive to insure. Again, depending on your age and driving record, there are cases where you can pay much more in insurance than the actual payment of the vehicle. Some of you probably purchase a vehicle, purchase the insurance, register your vehicle and get your license plates, then obtain your DoD stickers, and then when all that is done, cancel the insurance because you can't afford it (or worse, don't wish to pay it). While I'm hoping none of you ever do this, I'm not naive enough to think none of you do.

Before any of you purchase a vehicle, there are some things you should do first:

- * Check with your insurance provider to see how much it will cost to insure the vehicle you want;

- * Do some research to learn what vehicles are the most

affordable to insure;

- * Research those cars that are most susceptible to theft; and

- * Create a budget and make sure you can afford both the vehicle loan and the insurance premiums.

Shipmates, insurance isn't cheap. It's expensive enough if you're under 21 with a clean driving record, but if you have some tickets or accidents on your record, the price of insurance can skyrocket, regardless of age or gender. Nonetheless, you still have to maintain insurance to drive.

Look at it like this. If you are involved in an accident that is your fault, and you have insurance, you are generally only liable for your deductible payment. That's why you have insurance. If you don't have insurance, you may (and probably will) be sued by the other driver. If someone is hurt, the amount of money you could be liable for could easily cripple you financially. I wouldn't recommend taking that gamble!

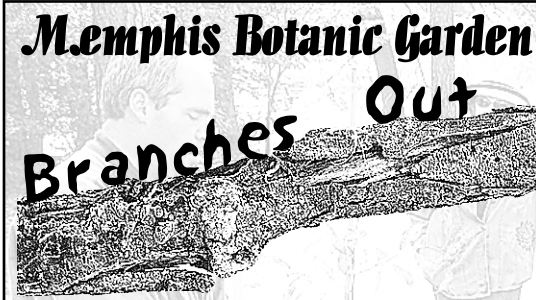
I truly believe anyone with a driver's license knows the rules. You have to know the state's insurance requirements when you take your drivers license exam. To willingly ignore the law and cancel your insurance is reprehensible behavior - you put yourself and others at great financial risk and no matter your financial situation, you can't afford this.

My challenge to each of you is to carefully evaluate where you stand when it comes to insurance. Generally speaking, the younger you are, the more insurance costs. Why? Because statistics prove younger drivers are less experienced and are more prone to tickets and accidents. That's a clear fact. If you are a great driver, all you need to overcome is the age factor. That will happen in time.

One thing many of you probably don't want to do is purchase a safe car that is cheap to insure. Many of you prefer the flashy sports car or high-priced SUV that is extremely expensive to insure. When you're

young, purchasing an automobile can be a huge financial investment. My advice is to think beyond the appearance and focus on your true need, balancing it against your age, driving record, income, financial goals, and other financial needs. I'm certainly not telling anyone what type of vehicle to purchase, but I will say that whatever you purchase, you need to have the financial ability to pay for the insurance premiums!

A final recommendation is you each need to understand the insurance minimum requirements for the state you live in. Each base Pass and ID office conforms to the state rules that the base is located in. There are some big state-to-state differences. If you don't take the time to educate yourself, and make sure your insurance meets the state minimums, you could find yourself in a financial bind if you are in an accident. Don't let that happen - know the law and I'll say it again, if you drive you must have insurance!



BY KELLY CAR
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FOR MEMPHIS BOTANIC GARDEN

As part of its focus for 2006, the Memphis Botanic Garden will hold a series of free tree care clinics for the public beginning with the first session on Mar. 4.

A variety of events are scheduled throughout the year to help homeowners with tree planning and maintenance to learn about one of our most valuable resources. Experts will be on hand to answer questions about the care of large and small trees and will offer advice to homeowners on tree problems. Each clinic will feature guided tours of tree pruning demonstrations and examples of hazardous situations and how they can be corrected.

Participants can meet and observe techniques with professional arborists from local tree service companies. These professionals will prune large trees on the Memphis Botanic Garden grounds for safety, health, and aesthetics. Tree care literature will also be available at each event. These



clinics are free to the public thanks to support from the Tennessee Urban Forestry Council. The first clinics of the spring are scheduled for Mar. 4, April 21 and April 22. The Mar. 4 clinic will celebrate Arbor Day with an array of activities. "City Beautiful" will provide free tree seedlings. Arboretum tours will take place at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. During the Spring Plant Sale on April 21 and 22, homeowners will be able to learn all about proper tree pruning and tree care.

The Memphis Botanic Garden is located in Audubon Park in Memphis. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors (62-years and up), \$3 for children (3-12). Children under two-years of age are free, as are MBG members. The hours of operation are:

April-October: Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-6p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

November-March: Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

There's Nothing Funny About Taxes

BY LIFELINES RESEARCH STAFF

Art Buchwald once said, "Tax reform is taking the taxes off things that have been taxed in the past and putting taxes on things that haven't been taxed before."

Ever since the Boston Tea Party, taxes have been a never-ending resource for humorists, since everyone understands the joke. Complicated tax forms, W-2s, 1099s, tax brackets, deductions, standard or itemized; all are designed to separate you from your money each year on April 15. Fortunately, Armed Forces personnel, retirees and their families have ready access to free tax assistance.

Active-duty personnel can find answers to relevant tax questions online in IRS Publication 3, Armed Forces' Taxes Guide, or they can request a hard copy of the publication. This guide explains military tax issues, such as filing tax extensions when stationed outside the United States and Puerto Rico, deductible expenses for a permanent change of station, and income that is tax-free (such as Basic Allowance for Housing and combat-zone exclusion). Imminent danger/hostile fire pay, a reenlistment bonus, and other income are tax free for combat-zone service. Even if personnel serve in a combat zone for only one day of the month, pay for that entire month is tax-free.

When it comes to filing taxes, some people want to fill out their own, so the IRS web site has all the forms and instructions needed. You can download and print off copies of tax forms and instructions if you want to do your taxes by hand - the old stubby-pencil method. The site also has free software and free e-filing at IRS Free File. It's becoming very popular, and the IRS is actively promoting it as the way to go now and for the future. Other free services at the IRS include TeleTax, TaxFax, and talking to real people over the phone or at an IRS office.

For those who dread filling out tax forms, whether digitally or with a stubby pencil, the IRS trains volunteers to prepare taxes for active duty personnel, retirees, and their dependents, free of charge. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) representatives are collateral duty personnel on ships, especially aircraft carriers, and on Navy and Marine Corps bases.

Trained volunteers at our military tax sites will prepare the tax returns; federal and state; for free and electronically file them for free. In a few cases, its not possible to send returns electronically, so paper returns must be used. To have taxes prepared by a VITA rep, bring complete tax records, such as dependents' Social Security cards, W-2 and 1099 forms from employers and banks, dependents' Social Security cards, W-2 and 1099 forms from employers and banks, and paperwork for any special circumstances, such as selling a home. For complex returns, bring a copy of your prior year's tax return to the VITA rep.

A thorn in the side of American taxpayers since the tea-tossing incident, the idea of paying taxes has been fair game for American humorists, who have added some levity to our annual tax rite. But as Benjamin Franklin observed, "In this world nothing can be said to be certain except death and taxes."

Editor's Note: Volunteer income tax assistance (VITA) is available at NSA Mid-South for people making less than \$35,000 who would like assistance with simple returns and electronic filings. This free service is available at two locations: on the first deck of Bldg. 455 (by appointment by calling 874-7379), and walk-ins at Bldg. 791, Room H200, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. weekdays.

Calendar

The Memphis chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America meets at the Ridgeway Baptist Church the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m... Veterans, family and friends of veterans and those interested in learning more about Vietnam Veterans are cordially invited to attend. Please call Paul Boundy at 874-3947 for more information.

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FED-EX ST. JUDE CLASSIC 2006

The 49th Fed-Ex/St. Jude Classic will be held May 24-28 at TPC Southwind in Germantown. That date is two weeks after the EDS Byron Nelson Championship and two weeks prior to the U.S. Open Championship, which traditionally provides a strong field.

Tournament officials are looking for 45-50 volunteers to assist with crowd control for the entire course (18 holes) during the course of play and immediately following the daily matches. Breakfast and lunch will be provided for to the volunteers on a daily basis.

The entire tournament will be broken down into work shifts, with each being a morning (8 a.m. - 1 p.m.) or afternoon (noon - 6 p.m.), with a minimum of four work shifts required from every volunteer. Most of the volunteers are needed for the latter part of the week (Thursday - Sunday).

For more information on the golf tournament, or to volunteer your time, contact Curtis Beck at dabecks@peoplepc.com or 840-3147; Steve Sisung at steve_sisung@msn.com or 837-3161; or Art Weekley at artweekley@hotmail.com. Requests to volunteer must be made by March 20.

Chaplain's Corner

WHAT WOULD YOU BE LIKE IF YOU DIDN'T PRAY?

BY CHAPLAIN ROB BEEDE

Pastor Henri Nouwen tells the story how he was in a hurry one day to make a meeting. As he rushed to get there, a man named Dan stopped him wanting to talk. Nouwen was preoccupied and told him he couldn't see him right then. Later that day, Dan called Nouwen and told him that he if he was a man of prayer, he certainly didn't live up to it as he was selfish and rude.

Nouwen recounted this story to a friend. He told her with tears in his eyes that what hurt so much was that these things Dan said about him were true. As he thought about it, he said, "I wonder if Dan ever considered what I would be like if I wasn't a man of prayer?" ("The Only Necessary Thing: Living A Prayerful Life" by Henri Nouwen, p.9).

His words struck me as I read them. I thought of my own life and how often I fail. The thought struck me of how calming prayer is and how it helps me to remember that there is someone there who cares, someone who can handle the difficult situations in life and someone who hears me and changes me. I thought how God has so often intervened in my life. Then I remembered Nouwen's words and wondered, "What would I be like if I wasn't a man of prayer?"

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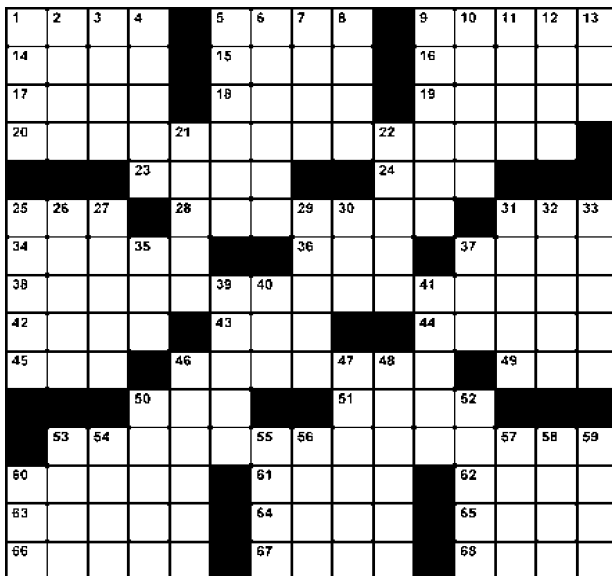
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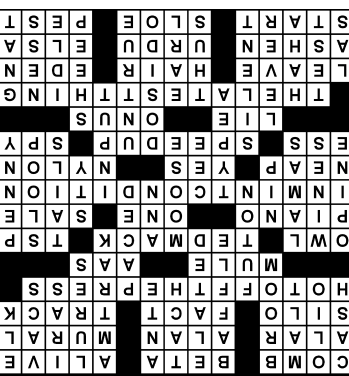
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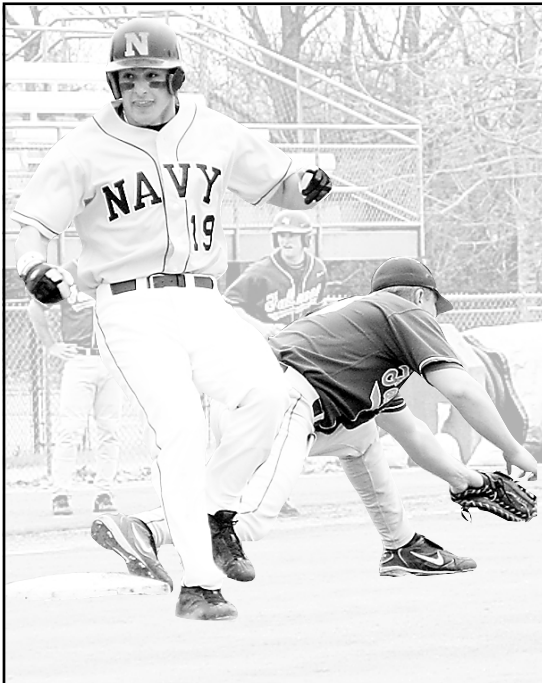
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- 32 Marina sight, perhaps
- 33 It may be offered for your thoughts
- 35 Touch of Jack Frost
- 37 Mud flat
- 39 Aggressive personality
- 60 Head for Vegas?



CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS






Navy wins SASC

PLAY BALL!

A hint that baseball season isn't far off was evident with the playing of the 2006 Service Academy Spring Classic at the USA Baseball Stadium in Millington. The U.S. Naval Academy Midshipmen were undefeated (3-0) as they beat Indiana State 6-4 on Friday, downed the Air Force Cadets 11-6 on Saturday, and upset The University of Memphis Tigers 7-6 in Sunday's final game played at the University of Memphis. The perfect record gave the Midshipmen the SASC title for 2006. (Photos by David Crenshaw)





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Memories of the Past

Partying at the Personnel Office, a search for a missing Memphis boy, saying good-bye to wax in milk, automatic promotions for some Sailors, a possible reduction in operations on base, and a MCPON testifies before Congress. Those were some of the stories making headlines in past issues of *The Bluejacket*.

60-YEARS AGO:
Guests Need to be Ushered - It's legal to bring a guest aboard and show off the base, but there are certain hours for this and very few places that you can take a guest. Of course, there is one exception - weddings. Anyone invited may attend a "hitching" at Livermore Chapel at whatever hour is designated for the ceremony; **Hang on to Your ID Card** - If you lose your ID card, be prepared for disciplinary action. If the card is lost, stolen, or misplaced while off-base, the guards at the gate will take the man right down to the OOD shack where he will have a chance to tell what happened. He will be issued a temporary chit and referred to the Security Office for disciplinary action. The sailor will have a new picture made and, after a few days' waiting, will receive a new ID card; **Personnel Gang Make Whoopee** - This time, for a double reason, the Personnel Office had another party last Thursday night at the Guest Lounge, giving them a total of two parties in as many weeks. An engagement announcement and a birthday were the reasons for the shenanigans and frivolities; **Dit Dah, Dit Dah Dit, Dah Dah** - The Aviation Radioman School closes its doors after graduating some 24,708 students. Class R-19B is made up of 45 men. At one time, class size ranged upward of 200 men.

50-YEARS AGO:
Cash Meal Sales Begin - Navy Memphis personnel drawing commuted rations will, for the first time in recent years, be permitted to purchase meals from the General Mess. Costs: Breakfast, 25-cents; Dinner, 45-cents; Supper, 35-cents; **Sailors, Marines Search for Missing Youth** - A party of 100 volunteer sailors and Marines joined in the hunt for 19-year-old Leslie Montelius of Memphis, who has been missing since a boating accident last week near Lake View, Miss. They returned to Navy Memphis after an eight-hour search failed to reveal the boy's whereabouts; **No More Wax** - The Commissary Division announced that beginning in April, Navy Memphians will no longer drink their milk from paper cartons with particles of wax to dull the enjoyment thereof. Modern, automatic milk dispensers will be


The Honorable Ogden H. Hammond, U.S. Ambassador to Spain and his wife pay a visit to USS Memphis (CL-13) during a 1926 port visit. USS Memphis served as flagship of U.S. Naval Forces in European waters from 1926-1927. (Photo courtesy of the Tennessee State Museum)

conveniently located in the various Mess Halls; **UCMJ May be in for Changes** - A House Armed Services Subcommittee is holding hearings on the Defense Department bill, which would revise the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Important changes include extending commanding officers' authority to administer punitive action to both enlisted men and officers; **It's Permanent, Again** - The Navy's chief petty officers will once again hold permanent appointments in accordance with a new policy approved by Vice Adm. James L. Holloway Jr., Chief of Naval Personnel. The permanent appointments will be issued to CPOs who have completed three years of satisfactory service in E-7, pending existence of vacancies in the approved CPO structure, and also to CPOs who have served at least 12 months in E-7 at the time they are transferred to the Fleet

Reserve and released from active duty.
40-YEARS AGO:
Steeeeeerike! - A new bowling alley opened onboard Navy Memphis. This kegler's paradise sports wood paneling, wall-to-wall carpeting, a Pro Shop with drilling services, bowling balls, bags, shoes and shirts. The renovated facility houses the original 12 lanes, which have been refurbished, and 12 new lanes; **The Admiral Heads Home** - Rear Adm. Allen Smith, Jr. Chief of Naval Air Technical Training retires, ending a 43-year Navy career. He will make his post-Navy life home in Pensacola, Florida.
30-YEARS AGO:
Happy 34th - The Civil Engineer Corps and Seabee Ball was held at the Chief Petty Officers Club to mark the 34th Anniversary of the Seabees. The oldest Seabee present was CRCS Jerry Jarrell, while the youngest was EOCN Richard Luth; **Going Down?** - The Navy

announced that the air operations facility of Naval Air Station Memphis is being studied for possible reduction in activity or termination in 1978. The air ops facility at Millington is one of 74 Department of Defense Base Realignment, Reduction and Closure locations being looked at in the study.

10-YEARS AGO:
Welcome Mat is Out - The Security Department announced a change in the way visitors are allowed to enter the station during

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WORD SEARCH

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Women's Month

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female officers reported aboard ships on Nov. 1, 1978 with the first female enlisted sailors following the following month.

Known as the "Grand Lady of Software," Rear Adm. Grace Hopper was a pioneer in the field of computer technology. Hopper joined the Navy in 1944 and helped lead the Navy into the age of computers. The co-inventor of the Common Business-oriented Language (COBOL), she made it possible for computers to talk with each other. Hopper retired from the Naval Reserve in Jan. 1967 as a captain, but was recalled to active duty seven months later by President Lyndon B. Johnson. She found herself the subject of a 60 Minutes piece titled "The Captain is a Lady". A year before her second retirement from active duty in August 1986, Hopper was promoted to the rank of rear admiral. She died on Jan. 1, 1992. The naming of the Arleigh Burke class guided missile destroyer USS Hopper (DDG-70) was the first time since World War II, and only the second time in naval history, that a warship was named for a woman from the Navy's own ranks.

Other female sailors making naval history include Mary Bonnin, who, with a career that spanned 24-years, rose to the rank of master chief petty officer. Bonnin graduated at the top



Amazing Grace - Rear Adm. Grace Hopper, USN, is shown here with other programmers at a UNIVAC I terminal. (Photo courtesy of the Philadelphia Inquirer for "Your Neighbors" article, August 13, 1957)

of her class in both air and mixed gas diving, and went on to become the only woman in the U.S. Navy to qualify as Master Diver. She trained over 1,000 military divers and worked in ships husbandry, salvage and rescue. Vice Adm. Patricia Tracey, who, in 1996, became the first woman in the U.S. Navy to attain the three-star rank, and Lillian Fishburne, the first African-American woman to achieve flag rank with her promotion to rear admiral on Feb. 1, 1998.

More than 54,000 women currently serve in the U.S. Navy today in ships and

shore commands, including in harms way in hostile areas such as Iraq and Afghanistan.

Additional information about Women's History Month can be found on-line at <http://nwHP.org>, the

National Women's History Month Project website. The next time you're in Washington, D.C., be sure to visit the Women in Military Service Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery, or on-line at



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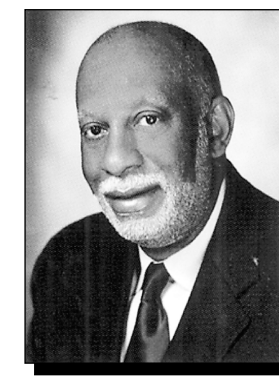
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Follow in the "Footprints" of the SEALS

By **JEFFREY NICHOLS**
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MILLINGTON - The Navy Recruiting Command (CNRC) will be unveiling a new television commercial, "Footprints," airing Feb. 27. The commercial is designed to bolster Naval Special Warfare's (NSW) and Naval Special Operations' (NSO) recruiting.

The 2006 Department of Defense Quadrennial

Defense Review directs the military services to increase special operations forces end-strength.

CNRC, working with Naval Special Warfare Command, has launched several initiatives including stepped-up marketing efforts, all designed to bolster NSW/NSO recruiting.

The "Footprints" commercial was developed by CNRC and its advertising agency, Campbell-Ewald, to help build interest and awareness in the SEALs and all NSW/NSO pro-

grams. This will help in recruiting qualified NSW/NSO applicants and is a key to Navy success in recruiting skills vital to defeating terrorism and winning the Long War. The commercial was designed to achieve a "now you see them, now you don't, or did I see anything" effect. The creative goal is to make the viewer think and see that it is not all about the action, but also stealth and mystery. "If I was a parent looking at the other commercials about the SEALs,

with all the hardware and shooting, I might be apt to look at it in a different way," said Cornell Galloway, General Enlisted Program advertising manager, CNRC. "But with Footprints, the ocean and the waves, it sends a very strong but subtle message."

The commercial will be airing on sports networks, late night television and in regular rotation along with commercials that are already running national-

NAVFAC Midwest celebrates National Engineers Week

By **KRISTEN M. ELLIS**
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command Midwest celebrated National Engineers Week, Feb. 19-25.

The National Society of Professional Engineers founded National Engineers Week in 1951. The United States has always depended on its technical work force for the innovation to spur economic growth and national security. This week is set aside to increase awareness and appreciation for the many contributions of the nation's engineers. It is always celebrated during the week coinciding with first President George Washington's birthday, Feb. 22. Washington was a military engineer and surveyor.

This year's theme was "Connecting Educators to

Engineering," an outreach effort sponsored by the Society of Women Engineers and Northrop Grumman. The initiative provides middle-school educators with the tools to give engineering a prominent position within their curriculums, as well as mentoring through direct access to engineers from engineering societies, corporations and universities nationwide.

In an all hands e-mail, Capt. Ramé Hemstreet, commanding officer, NAVFAC Midwest, said, "In the Midwest, your daily efforts to ensure that we provide a safe environment, reliable utilities, quality facilities, while meeting the Navy Region's mission is a testament to your expertise and professionalism. You benefit many through your actions: our newest Navy recruits in Great Lakes; the reserve Sailors and Marines throughout the Midwest; senior engi-



Fran Gomes, NAVFAC Midwest Capital Improvements Business Line coordinator and chief engineer, and Mark Conti, construction branch manager and engineer, cut a cake at a ceremony in honor of Naval Facilities Engineering Command Midwest's observance of National Engineers Week Feb. 19-25. Conti received an on-the-spot award for outstanding support to NAVFAC Midwest's Capital Improvements Business Line. (Photo by Karen Foy)

neers/scientists and technicians at Crane, Ind.; and the Personnel Programs support for the global war fighter at Public Works Department Mid-South in Millington, Tenn. My thanks for your many contributions to our nation and Navy."

The command also commemorated the event with

a static display of tools used by engineers and a ceremony at Naval Station Great Lakes. A marquee sign in Crane displayed a National Engineers Week message, as well.

For more information or to view President George W. Bush's proclamation of National Engineers Week, visit www.eweek.org.

LEGAL LESSONS

By **David Britton Peel**
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Big Cases of 2005

Among the top 100 verdicts of 2005 across our country, court battles over corporate wrongdoing yielded some of the largest awards. The biggest verdict was in the securities fraud case brought by Coleman, the camping gear company. A Florida jury in May handed out nearly \$1.44 billion in total damages, including \$850 million in punitive damage to punish the wrongful conduct. An appeal is pending.

Another huge verdict came in a case alleging that the purchaser of a big California life insurer had concealed its ties to a bank, in violation of a state law prohibiting banks from participating in the management of insurance companies. A California jury came back with \$700 million in punitives, but the judge tossed out the award, reducing the punitives recovery to zero.

Enron Corp., WorldCom Inc. and other high-profile corporate scandals look to make corporate malfeasance the most popular big dollars cases. At the same time, jurors have begun to temper their awards in personal injury verdicts, he said. They also tend to be better educated about the legal process and require more from plaintiffs' lawyers in terms of causation and injury in those types of cases.

Only one medical malpractice case ranked among the top verdicts last year. It involved a cancer patient who was given a massive overdose of Taxol, a chemotherapy drug. The jury gave \$606 million in damages, which was reduced to \$1 million by agreement of the parties.

The types of cases that made the top 100 verdicts of 2005 varied greatly, from accounting malpractice to workplace safety. Products liability was the most common kind of action, with 14 cases falling under that category. Thirteen trials involved motor vehicle cases, 11 involved medical malpractice, nine were breach of contract actions and seven were intellectual property (like copyright and trademark) cases.

Although products liability actions were the most common cases last year, the top five verdicts did not include such an action. The products liability lawsuit with the highest verdict was a Vioxx case, in which the jury awarded the plaintiff \$253 million for the pharmaceutical company's failure to warn of the product's risk of causing heart attacks. Some \$229 million of the award was in punitive damages, which were capped at \$1.65 million. The end result was a \$26.1 million verdict.

Punitive damages are effective, but still rare. It is rarer still they survive an appeal.

— David Britton Peel is a Millington attorney who primarily handles serious injury, death and disability cases, along with closings and wills. If you would like to contact Mr. Peel, you may do so at 901-872-4229 or at dpeel@bigriver.net. Mr. Peel is also available to speak to your church or club.

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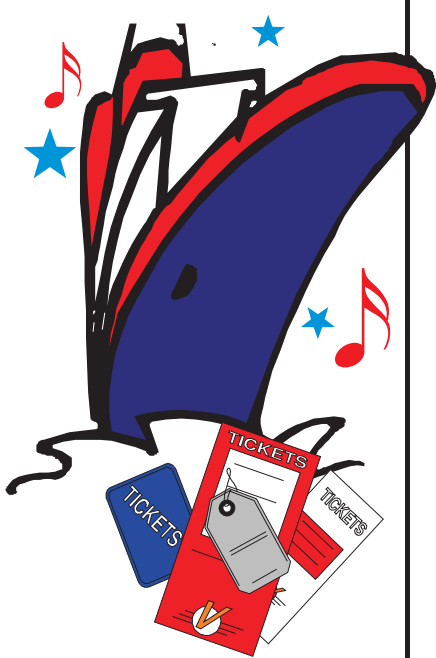
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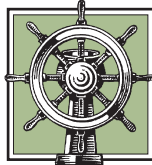
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From the Intramural Sports Coordinator:

Attention Volleyball Players:

The Intramural Sports is accepting rosters for the intramural co-ed volleyball league. Turn in your roster no later than Friday, March 17. A coaches meeting will be held on Monday March 20 at 11 a.m. and games will begin on Tuesday, March 21 at 11 a.m. So get your roster into the N-82 gym.

Intercommand Over 30 Basketball

The Intercommand over 30 Basketball program is about to begin, so get the players of your command, unit or code and send your roster to the N-82 gym Athletic Office no later than Thursday, March 23. Teams entered will be scheduled to play Monday and Wednesday beginning Monday, March 27. Your team entry authorizes you to reserve a court practice. There will be a coaches meeting on Friday, March 24 at 11 a.m. in the Intramural office located at N-82 Gym.


You can turn in your rosters for these sports by dropping them off at the N-82 gym, faxing them at 874-5409 or e-mailing them to apruitt@nsams.navy.mil. If you have any questions about these sports, please contact Amy at the Athletic Office at 874-5383.



Auto Skills Shop (Bldg. N-764)
Open Tuesday - Friday
10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Saturday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Closed Sunday and Monday

The Auto Skills Shop is here for those who prefer a more hands-on approach to auto maintenance. The Auto Skills Shop has the facility, equipment, tools, and library of repair manuals available for you to change a spark plug or do a major overhaul or restoration project.

For more information call Auto Skills Shop Manager at (901) 874-5675.



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In the Auto Skills Shop Compound (Bldg. N-397)
Open Monday-Saturday
8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Closed Sunday and holidays

Canopy tents, dunk tanks and popcorn-poppers are just a few of the items we offer that can add a festive and a professional touch to command functions, family reunions, birthday parties and many other special activities.

Price lists are available upon request.
For more information call Rental Center Manager at (901) 874-5675.



FAMILY MOVIE DAY!
at the Ellison Recreation Center
every Saturday 1 - 4 p.m.
(Movie begins at 1:30 p.m.)

The whole family is invited!
Drop by to enjoy a family rated movie and popcorn. Challenge your child to a game of pool, let them dazzle you with their video game prowess or just hang out.

04 March - Splash (PG 13)
11 March - Cheaper by the Dozen 2 (PG 13)
18 March - The Chronicles of Narnia (PG)
25 March - Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (PG 13)

Family Movie Day is open to all MWR authorized patrons. MWR authorized patrons are defined as all personnel who live and work onboard Navy Mid-South as well as Active Duty, Retired, and Reserve Military Personnel, Naval Support Activity Mid-South civilian personnel and their family members. Youth under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian 18 years of age or older.

Ellison Recreation Center bldg S-499 NSA Mid-South. (901) 874-5650.



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Presents:
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North 82 Gymnasium
Thursday March 9th, 2006
7:00pm

ICW Diva Star
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-VS-

TNA Diva Star
Tracy Brooks

Special Ladies Attraction

NSA, Mid-South North-82 Gymnasium
Millington, TN

Also Scheduled to Appear:
Jeff White -vs- The Soultaker, Ronnie Paxton -vs- Casanova Kidd
King Kobra -vs- Steve Bradley and Team 24/7 -vs- Rage and Chaos
Bell Time 7:00pm, Doors Open at 5:30pm
Autographs and Photo Sessions 6:00pm-7:00pm

The Soultaker

24/7

Tickets on Sale at the Following Locations:
ITT Office Helms Club 874- 5652
North 82 Gymnasium 874- 5188
NSA Conference Center 874- 5198

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Youth Center and Teen Center happenings

NAVY TEEN CENTER

Available at TC:
• large screen TV
• PS 2 & X Box
• computers
• trips & events
• friends

Transportation provided to the Teen Center from Millington Middle & Millington High to the Teen Center for north side housing & off-base MWR eligible residents each afternoon.

First visit is FREE!

Hours: 2:15-6 pm Monday-Thursday
2:15-9 pm Friday & 4-9 pm Saturday
Monthly pass is \$5

Two staff members at all times!
Navy Teen Center 901-874-5494 Bldg. S-770

FAMILY SKATE NIGHT

8 & older can stay unaccompanied

Saturdays 7-10 pm

Hosted at the N-82 Gymnasium by your Navy Youth Center

Skaters of all ages are invited to join us at the Gym each Saturday for a night of family fun. Admission of \$3 includes skate rental. Parents accompanying their children skate Free.

Great location for birthday parties and end of the season team parties!

Separate areas for beginners, parties & teens (6th-12th)!

Youth Center 901-874-5155

SATURDAY PLAY

Navy Youth Center Bldg. 936 901-874-5155

K-5th Graders

Saturday 1-5 pm \$3

Fun, games & friends await!

Registration in the Youth Center's Before & After School Program is NOT required. Simply complete/update paperwork!

At the Youth Center mid-August through April!

No School = YC Play Day

Play Day Calendar is available at front desk!

Shelby County Schools will be taking a break soon! How will YOUR K-5th grader spend their time while your at work?

Spring Break (10-17 March)
Good Friday (14 April)

Pre-register only for the days you need!
Daily fun from 6:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Pack a sack lunch!

Navy Youth Center 901-874-5155 Bldg. 936

Dance Classes

Ballet, Jazz & Tap

NSA Mid-South Conference Center N-767

AGE GROUP	CLASS TIME	\$10 Family Registration Fee
2-4 years	9-10 am	
4-5 years	10-11 am	
6-8 years	12-1 pm	
8-12 years	11 am-12 pm	
12 & older	8-9am	

Monthly Fee:
Military/Retiree \$30
DoD \$35
Community Civilian \$40

First class is FREE!

Call the YC for class info & for multi-child discount rates!

Instructor: Peggy Holden Armstrong has over 30 years experience in dance instruction.

Youth Center 901-874-5155

KARATE

SHORIN-RYU

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY
5:30-7 pm YC Bldg. 936

Ages 6 Adult

Monthly Fee:
Military/Retired: DoD Civilian:
Ages 6-8 \$15 Ages 6-8 \$20
9-16 \$20 17 & up \$30
17 & up \$25 17 & up \$30

First class is FREE!

Navy Youth Center
Bldg. 936 901-874-5155

WHAT'S HAPPENING
@ your Navy Youth Center and Teen Center?

Here is an overview of our ongoing programs and events. Please stop by or call for further information.

Navy Youth Center
Bldg. 936 901-874-5155
Navy Teen Center
Bldg. S-770 901-874-5594

Visit www.nsamidsouth.navy.mil for MWR info, the required YC and TC paperwork.

FAMILY RECREATION NIGHT
YOUTH CENTER BLDG. 936

Challenge the kids to a board game or enjoy a movie together!

Available at YC:
• relaxed atmosphere
• movies on a big screen TV
• foosball and games
• family friendly concessions

Monday and Wednesday 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Enjoy a FREE night out together as a family!
Navy Youth Center 901-874-5155

Navy Youth Center

Before and After School Program

Choose only what your schedule requires Before, After or both sessions Weekly Fee based on family income transportation provided by Shelby County or the Youth Center Join us for USDA Snacks Homework Power Hour, group games, fun and more!

Opens @ 6:30 a.m. Closes @ 5:45 p.m.

901-874-5155 Bldg. 936

UPCOMING KID'S NIGHT OUT				
\$5 non-refundable deposit required of all KNO participants to be placed on the list. For more information call the Youth Center at (901) 874-5155.				
WHO	WHERE	WHEN	REG.	HOW MUCH/INCLUDES
1 st -5 th *	Movie () The Shaggy Dog	Friday, 17 March 5:30-11pm	3/6	\$10 = Movie ticket, transportation to/from movie, supervision, ride home (upon request)
1 st -5 th *	Movie (G) Ice Age 2	Friday, 7 April 6-11pm	3/27	\$10 = Movie ticket, transportation to/from movie, supervision, ride home (upon request)
K-5th	Youth Center	Friday, 21 April 530-11pm	4/10	\$10** = Fun, pizza, lemonade, games & supervision **Month of the Military Child = \$5 discount Active Duty
K-5th	Youth Center	Friday, 5 May 6-11pm	4/24	\$10 = Fun, games & supervision

* Kindergarteners become eligible for KNO-trips effective January 2006 on a case-by-case basis.

It's party time!



MWR turned the Glen Eagle Golf Course clubhouse into "The Big Easy" Friday night with its annual Cajun Cook-off and Mardi Gras celebration featuring great food, fun & games, and a performance by The Memphis Blues Queens.



Photos by
Art Frith

EYE ON THE FLEET



Leyte Gulf, Republic of the Philippines - A landing craft (air cushioned) assigned to Assault Craft Unit Five embarked aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Essex (LHD 2) heads to the island of Leyte. Essex is conducting operations in support of humanitarian assistance and disaster relief efforts on the island of Leyte, following the Feb. 17 landslide that devastated the town of Guinsahugon located in the southern part of the island. Essex along with the dock landing ship USS Harpers Ferry (LSD 49) are part of the Forward Deployed Amphibious Ready Group, the Navy's only forward-deployed amphibious force, home ported in Sasebo, Japan. (Photo by PH1 Michael D. Kennedy)

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